

## **REMARKS**

### **Interview Summary**

The courtesy of Examiner Flood in granting a telephone interview to discuss the outstanding rejections under 35 USC §112, first and second paragraphs, is appreciated. The language in claims 1-3, 8, 11 and 15-17 was discussed as well as the amendments made above.

Support for the language added to claims 1-3 and 15-17 is found on page 4, lines 27-28. The language deleted from claim 8 was found to be unnecessary. Applicants submit the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, are moot in view of the amendments above and that all claims are in a form suitable for allowance. Applicants also submit the amendments above clarify the subject matter claimed and do not limit their scope.

### **Conclusion**

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which could be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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